

2. *TURACÆNA MODESTA.*

Turacæna modesta, Temm. Pl. Col. 552 ; Knip, Fig. ii. p. 31 ; Wall. Ibis, 1863, p. 486.

Slate-colour, with reflections of green and lilac on the head, nape, and mantle ; primaries and tail brown, quite plain.

Sexes alike.

Wing 8 inches, tail 8, tarsus 1, bill 1. Iris brick-red, with an inner tinge of yellow ; orbits yellow ; bill and feet black (*Wallace*).

Hab. Timor.

XXII.—*On a new Genus of the Order Columbæ.* By Major
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IN the ‘Proceedings of the Linnean Society of New South Wales,’ vol. vii. p. 116 (1883), Mr. W. A. Haswell has a paper on the “Anatomy of *Turacæna*,” relating to the so-called *Turacæna crassirostris*, Gould, which in reality does not belong to that genus, as the tail alone is sufficient to show.

Mr. Haswell proves that this species is not a *Macropygia*, and moreover belongs to the subfamily *Phapinæ* rather than to the *Columbinæ*, having no cæca, while an ambiens muscle is present. The shape of the gizzard also removes it from *Macropygia*.

The general appearance of *Turacæna crassirostris* is that of *Macropygia*, and it has a tail resembling that genus ; but it has a very massive bill, resembling *Didunculus*, and the occipital feathers are lengthened into a crest, somewhat as in *Ocyphaps lophotes*.

For this bird I propose the new generic name

CORYPHÆNAS, gen. nov.

1. *CORYPHÆNAS CRASSIROSTRIS.*

Turacæna crassirostris, Gould, P. Z. S. 1856, p. 136 (Gua-

dalcantar); Wall. Ibis, 1865, p. 391; Selat. P. Z. S. 1878, p. 673; Ogilvie-Grant, P. Z. S. 1888, p. 199.

Reinwardtænas crassirostris, Salv. Orn. Pap. iii. p. 131.

Adult. Above, head dusky brown; occipital feathers lengthened into a greyish-brown crest; whole plumage slate-colour, darkest on the upper surface; three outer pairs of tail-feathers with a lavender central bar. Sexes alike.

Young. A young male (Guadalcanar, 'Voy. of Herald') in the British Museum, which is the type of the species, has the head dark brown, tipped with dark chestnut; the general plumage above of a much darker slate-colour; beneath dark brown, passing into the slate of the adult. Iris reddish brown; bill and legs carmine (*Woodford*). Iris and orbital skin carmine; bill and legs bright red.

Hab. Guadalcanar, Solomon Islands.

XXIII.—Notices of recent Ornithological Publications.

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34. *Allen on the Genus Elainea.*

[Remarks on Individual and Seasonal Variation in a large Series of *Elainea* from Chapada, Matto Grosso, Brazil, with a Revision of the restricted Genus *Elainea*. By J. A. Allen. Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist. ii. p. 183.]

The receipt of a fine series of Tyrants of the genus *Elainea* in Mr. H. H. Smith's extensive collection from Matto Grosso has induced Mr. Allen to take up this difficult subject. Drawing upon other sources besides, Mr. Allen accumulated about 400 specimens for comparison, and amongst them several important types.

Amongst the conclusions arrived at by Mr. Allen is that the concealed white crest of *Elainea* is merely a feature of the breeding-plumage in both sexes. This enables him to unite *Elainea mesoleuca* with *E. pagana*, as has been already suggested might have to be done, or rather with *E. albiceps*, which is treated as a subspecies of *E. pagana*. The other species of *Elainea* are noted and commented upon. As Mr. Salvin has now positively decided that his *Elainea*